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Court Overturns Reorganization

Lions Donate to Sea Scouts



Lions Donate money to sea Scouts. Pictured front row left to right: W. Gardiner, instructor at the high school; Al Taupier, Lions Club president; Robert Dempsey, Skipper of the Sea Scouts; Mark Pleva, Ray Edwards, and John Hitchcock, all students in the machine shop. Back row, same order: Tim Beardsley, student at Agawam High and Sea Scout; Joe Berclier, auto body student; Frank Barker and William Dempsey, both students and Agawam Sea Scouts.

The Agawam Lions Club recently donated \$200. to the Agawam Sea Scouts to aid them in their current project of restoring a boat. The boat, which was donated to the Sea Scouts, is being refinished with the help of the instructors and students in the Structures and Machine Shops at the Agawam High School.

Robert Dempsey, Skipper of the Agawam Sea Scouts sta-

ted that he wished "to thank the school and the teachers for what they are doing." He said they were doing a great job, and he hopes the Sea Scouts will be able to use the boat this summer at Cape Cod.

The Agawam Sea Scouts, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America, presently have fifteen boys in their program.

They are sponsored by the Agawam Fire Fighters As-

sociation. The program, which meets on Thursday evenings at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church is open to boys and girls ages fourteen and older. Dempsey said that most of their winter work is concerned with instruction and indoor activities. In the summer, the Sea Scouts spend weekends in Falmouth, on Cape Cod where they take their boats on ocean cruises.

A Hampden County Superior Court Judge has ruled in a declaratory judgement that The Reorganization Plan submitted by former Town Manager James Westman was improperly instituted. In a six page opinion, Judge Andrew Anderson ruled that the Reorganization Plan must be resubmitted to the Agawam Town Council by May 1, 1978 or be brought to the voters of Agawam in a special referendum. The Town Council may only vote to reject the plan; they may not accept or revise the plan as submitted.

The six page opinion states that the changes involved in the Reorganization Plan were legislative in nature and as such were the proper subject for a referendum procedure as outlined in Agawam's Home Rule Charter. (The complete text of the opinion may be found on page 4.)

The ruling is seen as a major victory and vindication of Mr. Anthony Saracino, founder and former president of the Citizens for Good Government. Mr. Saracino had filed the original petition, signed by 12% of the town's registered voters, which called for the Special Referendum. The anti-reorganization drive by the Citizens for Good Government touched off a long, and often emotional campaign for its defeat.

The original plan called for a consolidation of the town's more than 30 departments into four major ones, each to be headed by a director



Anthony Saracino

appointed by the Town Manager and responsible directly to him. The plan was submitted by Westman on August 2, 1976 and approved, 8-7, by the Town Council on September 22, 1976, as submitted. On October 5, 1976, Mr. Saracino filed his petition with the Town Clerk in accordance with Article 8, Sec. 8-3, calling for the Town Council to reconsider its vote or submit the issue to the people in a special referendum.

Legal manoeuvring and technicalities allowed ninety days to elapse at which time, the Reorganization Plan was

put into effect. At this time, Mr. Saracino petitioned the Court to "interpret" the unsuccessful attempt to have the issue brought before the voters. Last week's decision was especially pleasing to Mr. Saracino who said, "I hope the citizens of Agawam realize just what we've done and what we've been through I hope they appreciate it. For some of the people who were councilors at the time, it's too late, but the proof is starting to show now that they were right. This is a tremendous victory for the citizens of Agawam".

Mr. Saracino won nine out of ten points covered in his brief to the court. Judge Anderson ruled that the actions of the Town Council and the Town Manager in implementing the reorganization plan effectively abridged the rights of the citizens to participate in the legislative nature of the government as outlined in Agawam's Home Rule Charter.

"This decision means a great deal to me personally and to the citizens" said Mr. Saracino. He further stated that he believed that the Reorganization Plan would be soundly defeated by the voters in its present form. However, he stated that Mr. Caputo will undoubtedly

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Phase II of Competency Tests Established for Agawam High School

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Is it reasonable to expect that virtually every student graduating from high school should demonstrate competency in mathematics, reading, and language arts?

Is it reasonable to expect that virtually every student graduating from high school should demonstrate competency in mathematics, reading, and language arts? Agawam School Committee officials feel that the answer is "yes", and in August of 1976 adopted a goal to develop a theory of competency based education for Agawam.

Competency-based education emphasizes the achievement of specific educational objectives, providing the necessary skills to function successfully upon graduation.

In the spring of 1976, Dr.

Ernest J. Cannava, Superintendent of Agawam Schools, formed a committee to investigate what instrument would be appropriate to measure and certify that a student graduating from Agawam High School possessed the necessary competency in certain skill areas. The first item in the study was to survey schools throughout the United States to ascertain what other school districts may be doing along these lines. The purpose of this study was twofold; if a system experienced negative reactions from such a program, the committee would benefit from their mistakes; and conversely, if a system experienced positive reactions, the committee would benefit from their success.

The Competency Test Program was started in the spring of 1977 by administering it to 11th grade students, who are currently seniors. The purpose of this was to develop local norms, and establish a competency level appropriate for Agawam students. In addition, the local norm for our students can be compared to national norms developed by the Stanford Testing Bureau. The testing system permits the committee to plan a program that best fulfills the needs of the school community, and according to an individual student's needs.

The purpose of the program is not just to satisfy a requirement to meet specific competency levels in skill areas, but to develop curriculum and courses that will meet the individual needs of students in Agawam. After analyzing the test given to the 11th grade students, the school administration recommended a level of competency for reading, math, and language arts.

In the fall of 1977, grades 9, 10, and 11 were already tested in Phase I of the program. The results of these grades along with the data already on hand from lower grades provided a cross-validation study, en-

abling the committee to determine the validity of the level of competency established.

This program is just a beginning for developing individualized instruction and competency levels for students. Phase II of the program will be developed in the spring of this year. It is intended to add instruments that will measure a student's competency in civics, citizenship education, practical science, and health.

The Agawam Competency Test Program provides a longitudinal assessment program, with reports on student performance. Each year, the student's new scores can be added to his or her record, and the accumulated data can be used to predict future growth. Cumulative reports allow teachers and counselors to base decisions of student's past, present, and predicted future performance. Using this pattern of scores, it will

Early School Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from school on March 28, 1978 so that teachers may attend workshops. Dismissal will be one hour early. There will be no afternoon kindergarten on this day.

Legal Notices Accepted

The Agawam Advertiser/ Feeding Hills area.

We are pleased to call this to the attention of the legal profession and the citizens of Agawam. We encourage the use of our paper for Probate matters, Town Hearings, Lost Passbooks, and other legal notifications. Legal notices in this issue appear on page 15.

Notices for the Agawam-



16 year old Michelle Korob, of Agawam, received her black belt in Hapkido Karate last year. Six year Mark Shively is a yellow belt holder and has been taking lessons for only seven months. Both are students at the Agawam Institute of Korean Martial Arts, run by Joseph Slaimen.

photo by Jack Devine

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be possible to anticipate how he or she will achieve if the pattern continues, and a relevant plan of instructional objectives can be prescribed when necessary. Administrators and teachers can use the score patterns to evaluate the school's curriculum.

The school will receive from the test bureau a Class Roster Reorganization Card for each student with their test results punched on each card. Utilizing our own data processing facilities, it is possible to select those names falling below the competency level and put them through the computer for further analysis. An item analysis indicating the special help each student requires is then returned to the teacher and administration.

Providing that the program proves to be educationally sound, Phase III may require that students demonstrate competency in the various

skill as a requirement for graduation. Future studies will be refined and reported at a later date, resulting in a change of the competency level.

Agawam School System officials believe that while the competency test approach may not guarantee fully educated high school graduates, it increases the chance that a student will be able to function successfully. The probability that Agawam students will graduate being able to read, compute, and have a broad understanding of the English language has been enhanced. The program is not the entire answer, but it is attempting to ensure that each student who graduates from Agawam High School will be able to do what employers and the community want them to do. The test scores are one measure that may help to meet this goal.



Lisa Losito



Anne Marie Anetzberger



Donna Cannava



Heidi Malinowski

Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant

Ten local young women will grace the stage of the Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, April 1, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. in the Agawam High School Auditorium. Sponsored by the Agawam Jaycees and Jayceettes, this will be the sixth consecutive year that this pageant has been held. Being an officially franchised Miss America Preliminary, the young woman who is crowned Miss Pioneer Valley will earn the right to participate in the Miss Massachusetts Scholarship Pageant later this year.

Tickets for the local Pageant are now on sale at \$3.00 in advance, \$2.00 for children under 14. All tickets at the door will be priced at \$3.50. Ticket information can be obtained by calling 789-0105 or at the Agawam Food Mart. Mrs. Gerri Milliken will be serving as ticket chairperson.

As in years past, over one thousand dollars will be awarded in scholarships, awards, and gifts to Pageant participants in the Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant. Nationally, its Miss America Program is the single largest scholarship foundation for young women in the world with over one million dollars being awarded annually. Locally, the following young women will be presented in the 1978 edition of the Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant: Lisa Brozini, 17; Donna Cannava, 18; Maureen Trempe, 17; Lisa Losito, 17; and Debra Santini, 17; all of Agawam. Additional contestants include: Anne Marie Anetzberger, 21, of east Longmeadow; Heidi Ann Malinowski, 17, of West Springfield; and Sylvia Rosario, 17; Nancy Hill, 17; and Maureen McDonald, 18, all of Springfield.



Debbie Santini



Maureen Trempe



Maureen McDonald



Lisa Brozini



Nancy Hill



Sylvia Rosario



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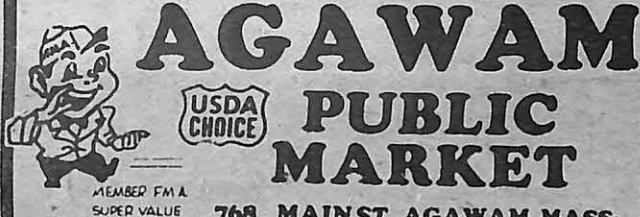
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Fall Date for Craft Show

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam announces the date for their annual "Fall Festival of Crafts" to be held this year on Saturday, October 7, at the Social Hall of St.

John's Church. Any area craftsmen interested in the show may contact Mrs. Claude Ouellette, of 94 Florida Drive, Agawam.

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Easter Rabbits

Bunnies adorning Easter baskets this week should be of the stuffed toy species rather than the vulnerable, real variety, says the Mass. SPCA.

The MSPCA urges parents to consider all the responsibilities and expenses of rabbit ownership before succumbing to children's pleas for live Easter bunnies. Too often, these furry creatures are purchased because they are novelties; and when their newness wears off, they are discarded, neglected, and sometimes abused. The hapless rabbit could become the victim of careless handling or the prey or plaything of a larger household pet. In addition to the chance of physical harm to the animal, parents should also take into consideration the possibility of emotional trauma in a child who unwittingly injures it.

Ignorance of the essential elements of a content rabbit's life could cause both the animal and the owner much distress. The expense of having a pet rabbit goes far beyond the initial purchased price; just to provide the essentials of food, cage, bedding, and medical care, one

can expect to spend over \$100. in the first year. And, caring for a rabbit involves responsibility for its welfare and a commitment of time as well as money.

If a family is seriously considering adding a rabbit to the household, the prospective owners should learn as much as they can about its behavior and needs from those well-versed in rabbit care before bringing the bunny home.

In the weeks following Easter there is usually an abundance of unwanted, homeless rabbits that were bought on a whim during the Easter excitement. People who believe that a domestic rabbit can be released into the wild are, in fact, being very cruel to the animal. Bred for domestication, the rabbit would have little chance for survival if left to fend for itself. It is much kinder to bring an unwanted rabbit to a MSPCA shelter where, if a home cannot be found, it will be humanely put to sleep.

But the kindest action of all is to spare the rabbit—and yourself—by sticking to stuffed toys this Easter.

Agawam Historical Association Meeting

Wednesday, March 29th at 8 P.M. is the date for the next Agawam Historical Association meeting to be held at the Captian Charles Leonard House. This meeting will be combined with the West Springfield Association who will be the guests of the Agawam Club.

Raymond Barlow of Windham New Hampshire will be the speaker at this meeting. His subject will be "Sandwich Glass" which he has been collecting for 35 years and lecturing on for 19 years. He will bring 150 pieces of colored glass for display and he asks that members and guests bring their Sandwich glass for appraisal. Since Sandwich glass is a typical product of old New England and many people have collected it and treasured it over

the years, this should be of great interest to our members and guests.

Mrs. Shirley Goss, president of the Agawam Historical Society invites any interested area residents to attend this meeting and join the members in this program of historical interest and others which will follow.

Golden Agers Meeting

The Agawam Golden Agers next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22, at 1:30 P.M. at Meadowbrook Manor. Two mystery guests will be on hand to entertain.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Local Scholarships Offered to Agawam Students

The following is a list of available, local scholarships being offered to the students of Agawam. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at the high school. Deadline for returning the applications to the Guidance Office is April 3, 1978.

Agawam Lions Club - Seniors furthering their education. Judged on scholastic standing, need, citizenship, and extra curricular achievement. Open to students going to technical and trade schools, 2 and 4 year colleges and nursing schools.

Agawam Lions Helen Hardina for Nursing - Senior continuing her education as a registered nurse.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club - Open to students planning on attending a 4 year college, a 2 year college and a 3 year school. Also open to a housewife wishing to further her education.

Trestle Board Club - Senior whose relations are members of a Masonic order.

Community Grange #382 - Granted to any graduate from Agawam High School who is enrolled for full time study in a course of at least 2 years in an institution of higher learning. Before scholarship is granted, an applicant must furnish proof of enrollment. **Agawam Jaycees Community Involvement** - Awarded to a student who has best exemplified attitude in service to his community. Recipient must

be involved in community activities with consideration for financial need.

Baseball Booster Club - Senior baseball player continuing his education.

Agawam Basketball Parents - Senior basketball player continuing his education.

Agawam Gridiron Moms - Varsity or Junior Varsity football players or managers who are going on to higher education.

Agawam Hockey Parents - Open to senior hockey players who will continue their education.

Agawam Soccer Moms - Senior soccer players continuing their education.

Agawam Business Assoc., Inc. - Seniors who are furthering their education in the field of business.

Agawam Women's Club - Seniors continuing their education and related to a club member. Will be judged on need and academic achievement.

Agawam UNICO - Seniors of Italian descent who will continue their education.

Polish American Club and Women's Auxiliary of Agawam - Seniors of Polish

descent who will continue their education.

Agawam Lioness Club - Senior who is planning on becoming a registered nurse.

Faolin M. Peirce - Seniors who attended Peirce Elementary School and are continuing their education.

Agawam Education Association - Seniors who plan to be teachers.

Office of Student Affairs - any senior continuing their education.

Anderson-Morin Memorial - Senior who is a scholar-athlete and is furthering their education.

Gail A. Arnold Memorial - Senior girl who will attend Westfield State College and has been active primarily in cheerleading or color guard.

Angela M. Scherpa Memorial - Seniors who have excelled in the field of journalism and have been members of the Mirror or Yearbook staff.

Julia R. Crawford - Any

senior who attended James Clark School and is continuing their education.

Feeding Hills Women's Club - Any Catholic student furthering their education.

Agawam Police Wives Assoc. - Any student whose mother is a member of the above association.

Veteran's of Foreign Wars Aux. #1632 - Son or daughter of a veteran, must be continuing their education. (Veteran of a foreign war.)

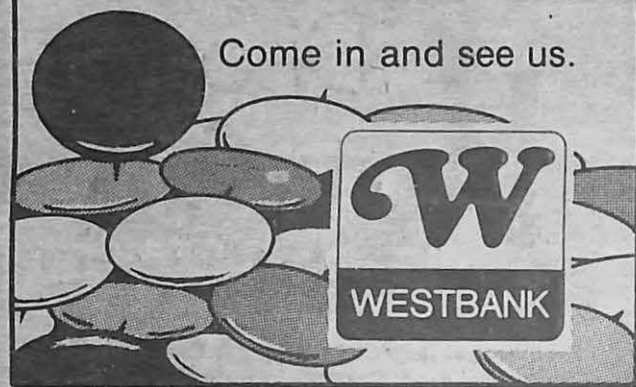
American Legion Wilson-Stompson Post #185 - Son or daughter of a veteran, must be continuing their education.

American Legion Aux. #185 - Son or daughter of a veteran, must be continuing their education.

Minnie Barden Scholarship - any student who will continue their education in the area of environment, conservation or agriculture.

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High School Band and Color Guard Arts & Crafts Show

The Second Annual Agawam High School Band and Color Guard Arts and Craft Show will be held Sunday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Agawam High School, Mill and Cooper Street. Craftsmen will demonstrate and a raffle will be held.

Some crafts featured include: polydome, puppets, portrait sketching, spoon

jewelry, ceramics, quilling, slate, leather goods, pottery, thumb prints, wood working, macrame, and many others.

Refreshments will be available. Proceeds to go to the Band and Color Guard Traveling Fund.

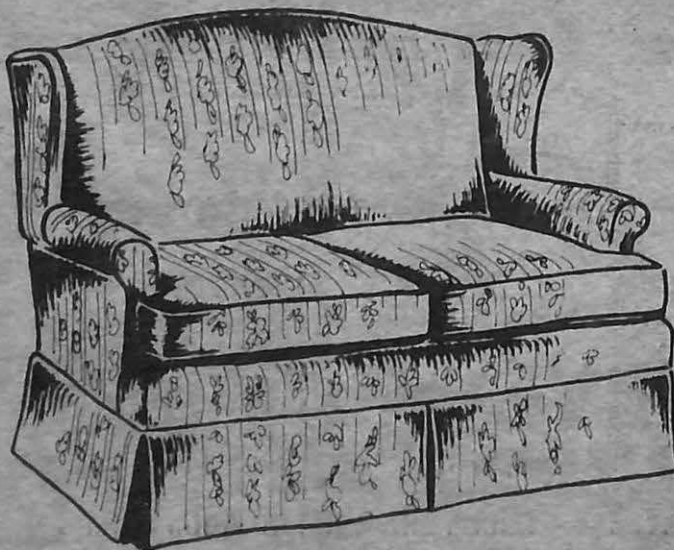
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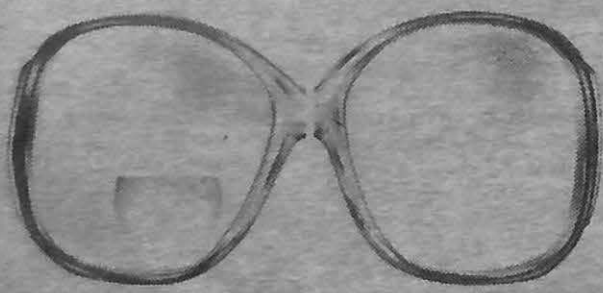
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Reorganization . . .

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bring in his own version of reorganization before too long Mr. Saracino expressed a hope that certain qualifications be defined for the various positions to remove the possibility of "Political appointments".

The Town Manager, already being on the record as favoring a directorship, spent the weekend with counsel before proceeding further. Mr. Caputo stated that there were many avenues available to the Town to pursue in the matter. He said the town could appeal, ask for a stay of execution or perhaps bring the issue before the Council and ask for a "consensus of support". The feelings of the Council will dictate my course, according to Mr. Caputo, but he did stress that

he would definitely try to bring reorganization back in some form. He said that "If Agawam hadn't had a directorship system when I arrived, I would have instituted it. I probably would have called it a team management concept, but it's been very successful in several areas across the country". He then asked, "Can you imagine what it would be like if thirty-nine department heads were to come to me for line decisions? I'd never have any time to run the government."

Mr. Caputo said that his most immediate problem was one of a personal nature, in that one of the Directors is effectively out of work. The funding for the position has been cut off and "I have a

man out of work. This ruling has given me a severe morale problem."

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Superior Court
Hampden, ss.
Civil No. 76-3767

ANTHONY SARACINO Plaintiff

vs.

TOWN OF AGAWAM, and JAMES D. WESTMAN, individually and as Town Manager for Town of Agawam, and ROBERT R. DeFORGE, FLOYD L. LANDERS, VALENTINE R. MORENO, ANITA M. DAVILLI, FREDERICK NARDI, ARTHUR W. KERR, WILLIAM B. HERD, DONALD M. RHEAULT, KENNETH BARNES, GINO R. ROSSI, RICHARD M. THEROUX, JOSEPH A. DELLA-GUISTINA, JR., EDMUND D. COFFEY, PAUL M. FIELDSTAD, ALFRED D. TREYHE, individually and as Members of Agawam Town Council. Defendants

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This is a civil action under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 231A for a declaratory judgment and other incidental relief regarding the legal effect of certain votes taken by the Agawam Town Council and a referendum petition filed under Section 8-3 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter. The case was heard by the undersigned Anderson, J. on September 19, 1977, and briefs by counsel were filed with the Court on October 3 and 6, 1977.

On all the evidence, and reasonable inferences therefrom, exhibits, oral argument and written briefs, the Court makes the following findings and conclusions:

(1) On or about August 2, 1976, the Town Manager of the Town of Agawam submitted to the Town Council (Council), in accordance with Article 6, Section 6-2 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter (Charter), a proposed Reorganization-Town of Agawam (Plan). The Plan provided for five (5) basic departments, functional in orientation, each to be headed by a director with the exception of the Law Department. The four directors were to be appointed by the Town Manager and to be responsible directly to him. Each director was to be responsible for the overall supervision, direction and coordination of the various bureaus and agencies (between 7 and 11) within his department. At the time of this proposal, the Town Manager was the chief executive and administrative officer of the Town and as such had the responsibility of supervising and directing the administration of most of the departments, commissions, boards and officers (some 30 or more of them) individually, on a direct line-of-authority basis.

(2) In accordance with Article 6, Section 6-2 (b), the Council referred the Plan to an appropriate committee, a public hearing thereon was held, and the committee reported back to the Council. Thereafter, on September 22, 1976, the Council voted 8-7 to approve the Plan as submitted.

(3) On October 5, 1976, the plaintiff filed with the Town Clerk a Citizen Referendum Petition ("Petition") in accordance with Article 8, Section 8-3, which reads as follows:

CITIZEN REFERENDUM PETITION
"We, the undersigned, being registered voters of the Town of Agawam, petition the Agawam Town Council, and its members, under Section 8-3(a), entitled Citizen Referendum, of the Agawam Home Rule Charter to rescind in total the measure voted by said Agawam Town Council on September 22, 1976, entitled Proposed Reorganization Town of Agawam."

"AND FURTHER if such measure is not rescinded in total that the measure be submitted as provided by said Section 8-3(a) to the vote of the voters."

(4) Said referendum petition was timely filed by the plaintiff who was designated thereon as person filing the same, contained approximately 12 of the total number of registered voters of the Town as duly certified by the Board of Registrars, and the Town Clerk duly sent a copy of said certificate to the plaintiff. The plaintiff is an appropriate person to bring this complaint, and all of the other 1502 signatories of said petition are not indispensable parties to said complaint.

(5) On October 18, 1976, in response to said petition and in accordance with said Section 8-3(a) of the Charter requiring the Council to "immediately reconsider such measure," the Town Council voted 8-7 "to rescind the action of the Town Council on September 22, 1976".

(6) At the same Council meeting and immediately after the vote described in paragraph 5 above, the Town Council defeated by a vote of 8-7 a motion to suspend the rules in order to permit the Council to entertain a motion on the reorganization Plan.

(7) A special Council meeting was called for October 21, 1976 under article 2, Section 2-7(c) of the Charter for the purpose of considering the Plan further. The meeting lacked a quorum and was adjourned to the following night, and then to October 26. Said special meeting was never held for lack of a quorum.

(8) With respect to the events and actions described above, the Council, upon advice of Town Counsel, has taken the following positions: (a) By rescinding its vote of approval of the Plan as described in paragraph 5 above, it complied in full with the referendum petition;

(b) The reorganization measure is not to be submitted to the voters under said Section 8-3(a);

(c) Rescinding said vote of approval is not equivalent to disapproving the reorganization Plan; and therefore

(d) The Plan became effective 90 days after receipt by the Council in accordance with Article 6, Section 6-2(b) of the Charter.

(9) The second and final sentences of said Section 6-2(b) read as follows:

"A reorganization plan shall become effective ninety days after the date it is received by the town council unless the town council has prior to that date voted to disapprove the reorganization plan, or unless a later effective date is specified in the plan. A reorganization plan presented by the town manager to the town council under this section may not be amended by it, but shall either be approved or rejected as submitted and shall not be subject to the objection as provided in section 2-9(c)."

(10) The plan submitted by the Town Manager anticipates a substantial reorganization of the Town's administrative structure. It is a proposition to make new law for the Town and not merely to execute law already in existence. Although prepared by the chief executive and administrative officer of the Town on a subject of primary concern to him, the Plan is not an administrative or executive action. It proposes changes of a permanent and general character. The proposal thus is legislative in nature and as such is a proper subject for a referendum petition.

(11) Action on the reorganization Plan by the Town Council was not gratuitous. Indeed it was called for in the last sentence of said Section 6-2(b), i.e., "shall either be approved or rejected as submitted."

(12) On September 22, 1976, the Council performed its legislative duty by choosing between the alternatives dictated by the Charter; it indicated its collective opinion regarding the proposed reorganization of the administrative structure of the Town by approving, instead of rejecting, the Plan. Having thus disclosed its decision on the measure to the Town's citizenry, it cannot be seriously argued that the resulting referendum petition was intended merely to cause the Plan to become effective without any affirmative action by the Council. The rights of the voters of the Town to participate meaningfully in the legislative process are not to be obstructed by excessively strict legalism in the interpretation of the Charter or in the wording of the referendum petition.

(13) The referendum petition can, within the context of its subject matter, be fairly interpreted to indicate either that the signatory voters disapproved of the proposed reorganization and therefore wanted the Council to "reject" the Plan, and if it did not reject the Plan, the signatories wanted the proposal to be voted on by the Town at large; or that the signatory voters were of the opinion that the matter was so important to the Town that every voter should have the right to express his opinion, and only if a majority approved should the Plan become effective.

(14) Requests for Rulings and disposal of same as follows:

A. Plaintiff's Requests for Rulings and Findings of Fact are treated as waived.

B. Defendants' Requests for Rulings:

(i) No. 2 is Allowed.

(ii) Nos. 1 and 3-10 are Denied.

Order for Judgement.

"It is ordered that the Plan entitled 'Proposed Reorganization-Town of Agawam' submitted to the Town Council by the Town Manager on or about August 2, 1976 be submitted to a vote of the voters in accordance with Article 8, Section 8-3(a) of the Agawam Home Rule Charter, unless the Town Council shall have voted, prior to May 1, 1978, to reject or disapprove said Reorganization Plan; and that said Plan shall not become effective, if at all, unless a majority of the voters voting on the same at an election as provided in said Section 8-3(a) vote in favor thereof."

Andrew Anderson
District Court Judge
Sitting in Superior Court

Entered: March 14, 1978

Cops Collect for Coffee Day



Steve Zawacki, left, and Richard Derderian, members of the Auxillary Police are shown selling buttons for Coffee Day, which was March 17. Four Auxillary policemen sold over \$200 in buttons in approximately two hours on March 16. For \$1.00 the button entitled the wearer to a free cup of coffee at participating local coffee bars and restaurants on St. Patrick's Day. Proceeds of the drive went to the Easter Seal Society. photo by Jack Devine

Stereo Sound for TV

WACKY 102 and WGBY, Channel 57, are pleased to announce a media first for this area. The two facilities are working together to provide a unique entertainment experience by simulcasting, or both broadcasting, the popular concert series, "Soundstage". WGBY carries the picture portion of the show and WACKY 102

offers the stereo sound. The program airs on a weekly basis on Friday nights, at 12 midnight. The roster of artists is widely varied and includes the Doobie Brothers, the Bee Gees, Bachman Turner Overdrive and many others. The program, a first of its kind - stereo radio and TV link up - will be continued for several months.

Spring at the YMCA

This Spring, the Y.M.C.A. is offering a number of programs for boys and girls from Agawam.

Agawam Adventure Club: For boys and girls, 6-12 years old will be held from March 31-June 9, 1978, on Fridays 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the YMCA Family Center in Agawam. The exciting events planned for this spring are: World of Wheels Fun Day; Parents Day Pet Show; a secret van trip to Destination Unknown, on May 19th; and Paucacutuck Park transportation provided, on April 28th. Fee: \$6.00 plus basic annual membership of the YMCA for \$7.50.

Agawam Swim Program: For boys and girls 6-12 years old will be held from April 1 to June 10, 1978, on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Agawam Jr. High swimming pool. Children work their way through the National YMCA Progressive Swimming Program. Individual attention is stressed. On April 5, all participants in last years program are requested to come from 2-3 p.m. All new program participants should come from 3-4 p.m. to be tested and assigned to a group. Fee: \$6.00 plus annual basic membership fee of \$7.50.

Magical Mystery Tours: For boys and girls 6-12 years old, on Saturdays only from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (times

vary). A program of well planned weekly trips, all with a different twist. The fun of it all is that you never know where you are going until you get there! Dates are from April 8-May 27 (excluding April 22). Trip leader will be Chris Zettler. Pick up spots will be Paucacutuck Park, Dewey St. entrance, West Springfield, and YMCA Family Center, 108 Perry Lane, Agawam, Mass. Fee: \$12.00 for seven week term (includes transportation and admission for YMCA Basic Members. \$15.00 for non-YMCA members. Registrations are limited to 15.

Girls Gymnastics: For girls 6-16 years old will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-5:15 p.m. at the Mittineague Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Rd., West Springfield. The program is aimed at developing self-confidence through quality skill instruction. Emphasis is placed on individual improvement. The program runs for ten consecutive weeks. Fee: \$25.00 per ten week session, plus \$7.50 annual Y membership.

For registration and/or further information, contact the YMCA Youth Services, 275 Chestnut St., Springfield, Ma. 01104. Or call 739-6951, ext. 253.



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Self Defense Class



Merritt Hopping, 11 years old, chops his way through 7" x 11" piece of wood during Self Defense Class at Agawam Junior High School. photo by Jack Devine

Merritt Hopping, 11 years old and Tad Wysocki, 60 years old have something in common—they both break one inch thick, 7 x 11 pieces of wood with their bare hands. Along with twenty five other students, they meet at the Jr. High School once a week to learn more about the Art of Self Defense, in a class sponsored by the Park & Rec Dept. Their Instructor, Dave Skolnick, is a black belt with the Black Dragon Fighting Society and AICONDO Martial Arts Federation, and has been teaching self defense for several years. He helps the students, male and female, gain self confidence and poise. The object of Self Defense is to "be aggressive when provoked", according to Skolnick.

During the first five weeks of training, the students have learned to defend themselves against attack. They've learned to disarm an attacker and to disable anyone that might try to take advantage of them. Mr. Skolnick indicated that "there are a lot of strange characters walking the streets - waiting to take advantage of others." The course he teaches "gives the students a feeling of security in situations they once feared."

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Agawam Charter Commission Schedule

The Agawam Charter Commission has scheduled the following meetings with various appointed and elected officials of the town, together with various employees and groups in the town. Unless otherwise noted the meetings will be at the Agawam Senior Center on Wright St. each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is urged to attend.

The Schedule

- Mar. 22 - Town Employees including Nurses and Custodians
- Mar. 27 (Mon.) - Town Council
- Mar. 29 - Meeting of the Charter Commission
- April 5 - Former Elected Officials

Male Volunteers Needed

Male Volunteers needed to work on a one-to-one basis with youthful offenders through the Juvenile Court Project. Interested people contact Cathy Condron,

Supervisor of Volunteer Services, 8 Bliss Street, Springfield, Mass. or call 732-9354.

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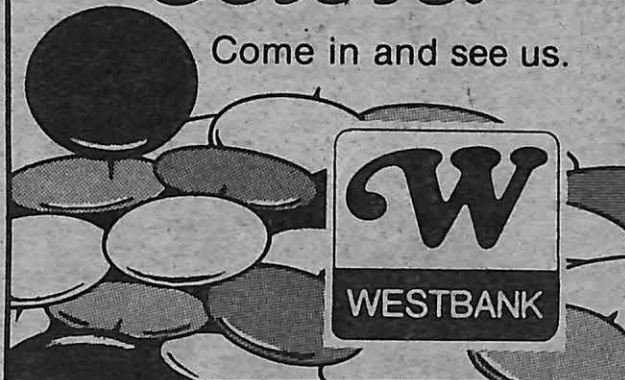
Singles Unlimited will be holding a dance at the Willow Glen Restaurant, Main St., East Longmeadow on Friday, March 31, 1978, from 9 P.M. - 1 A.M. All single, divorced, separated, or widowed people are welcome.

Heart House Seeks Contributions

HEART HOUSE, a crisis shelter for battered women in the greater Springfield area, is opening soon and has need for contributions of canned goods, bedding of all kinds, clothing and household items. Anyone wishing to make a tax-free donation of this kind of item please call HEART HOUSE at 596-8449 or write to P.O. Box 704, Wilbraham, Mass. 01095.

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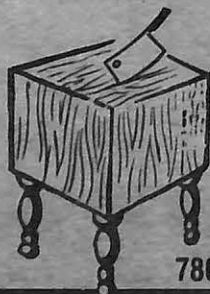
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Editorials

Last Thursday's winter storm alert has delayed the expected confrontation between the Planning Board and area businessmen. The Planning Board has issued a comprehensive proposal which would effectively re-zone virtually all section of Agawam.

It seems that everyone is in agreement that Agawam sorely needs some zoning changes to effectively protect both the business and public sectors. The proposed changes, however, should be made with some consideration given to the existing community. We may indeed have had haphazard or even "poor" planning in the past, but nevertheless, the community has survived in spite of it. To superimpose radical changes on an existing community can be expected to hurt many people. We hope that the Planning Board's meeting with the Businessmen's Organization does actually facilitate some give and take on both parts. We totally support zoning changes for the future of Agawam. We would just urge that we don't swap one set of ill for another by acting rashly. It may bother some individuals to proceed slowly, but the community good requires deliberate and careful thought-but the changes must come.

We would like to announce the co-winners of the "Pickled Paving Pothole Award" go to Northwestfield Street and Suffield Street.

Letters to the Editor Will be Accepted for This Page. Keep It Clean! We Reserve All Rights.



It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

We received some bad news the other day: we cannot mail this paper to people in Agawam or anywhere else on a second-class permit. The Post Office does not allow a free newspaper to use a second class permit, even if the copies being mailed are paid for through subscriptions. We had originally thought that it was allowable and had looked in this direction to put this paper on a paying basis. Some people are convinced that this venture is only a hobby, but we have news for them: this is a business venture. We may enjoy our work, but at some point it has to put groceries on the table.

We charge \$2.00 per column inch for advertising which is fairly low. The amount of advertising revenue on a good week probably pays for the printing and paper. So far, we've had fun, but no money. We had a relatively simple plan though which was supposed to work like this: we would put out the paper to the best of our abilities. You would like it. After a while we would begin to ask for subscriptions. You would like the paper so much that you would say yes. The low postal rates would produce revenues which would pay salaries. A seemingly good plan with a chance for success. So it seemed.

Our postal rejection has put us back. We now wonder if maybe this might not be just a hobby. Soon we will have to make some decisions. We think that the citizens need a newspaper. Especially if we publish it. But, if we put the financial burden on the merchant in the form of higher rates, it is not fair and he will probably not advertise or advertise less. If we reduce the amount of news so we can run more advertising (percentage wise), then the average citizen will have just another shopping guide and not a newspaper. If we charge the homeowner for delivery, we have only been in existence for seven issues. . . we are still an unknown, why would they pay for something they can get for free? It is a dilemma we have to face soon.

If we do decide to charge for delivery of the paper, it is because we feel that you must want the paper enough to pay ten cents a week for it. If you aren't willing to pay ten cents a week for hometown news, then perhaps we have made an error in judgement and there isn't a market here after all. We hope that we are putting out a product that will be worth something to the reader. We don't pretend to be right all the time, or know all the right cures for this problem or that, but we will try to at least bring out the local news. It seems that all the clubs and organizations pick up when people can read about their activities. And who doesn't like to see his name or photo in the newspaper. Or his neighbor. That's what a small hometown newspaper is all about.

But for our families, it also represents groceries and car payments, so don't be surprised if, very soon, we ask you to either pay a small amount for your weekly newspaper or say goodbye to it. We would like to hear some comments on this subject. Please.

The Connelly Report



A Court Reform debate scheduled for last Wednesday has been postponed for two weeks. In proposing the delay, House leadership explained that eight county budgets had been heard by the Committee on Counties to day and the balance to be completed this week. Finalization of all the County budgets would therefore enable the computation of exact court costs within each county. These actual figures would be modified further to show the court cost assessment to each member community of the counties. It is obvious that proponents of immediate assumption of the Court Reform are anxious to provide the membership with accurate figures which will compare with those listed under the Unequal Education Distribution Formula.

The delay will give the urban areas a chance to solidify support for their election year windfall, now based on a

surplus anticipated to be at least 134 millions at the end of fiscal 1978.

The Ways and Means hearings on the State Budget will be completed on March 22, and it does appear that our review of the supporting testimony, which began on March 2, will enable us to meet a timetable calling for House debate on the State Budget during the last week in April.

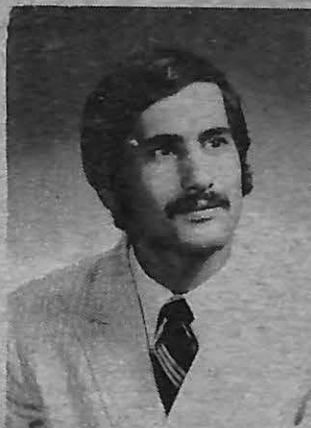
Relatively few bills calling for funding beyond the present, new personnel or new programs are being considered. Ninety per cent, at this point, are being rejected in Committee and in the House. These are all signs of an early ending for the present legislative session in order to prepare for the new 160 member House.

Rep. Edward W. Connelly
565 River Road
Agawam, Mass. 01001

ABOUT THIS SERIES...

In the coming weeks, the AGAWAM Advertiser/News will be spotlighting various town officials. We began with the new Town Manager and are now featuring a member of the Town Council each week. We hope to eventually cover all Departments in town and thus hope to enlighten our readers and perhaps help them to become more familiar with their system of government and its members.

Stephen R. Cincotta



Councilman at Large

Stephen Cincotta is another freshman Councilor in town. He ran for, and won, one of three "at large" seats on this present Town Council. The work of the Council is "more involved and more interesting than I thought it was", said Cincotta.

He said that at present, he was totally involved in the learning process that every new Councilor must endure. Cincotta said he expected to encounter some of the problems that the previous council incurred, but that fortunately everyone on the present Council "gets along pretty well" and that they work more or less in harmony to get their business accomplished.

Cincotta said that he receives a lot of feedback from the Citizens from phone calls to face-to-face encounters. He stated that he was "pleasantly surprised" at the involvement he saw from the people of Agawam, and is sure it will continue. He noted that his main objective is "to take care of the Town as it should be taken care of."

When asked to comment on the new Town Manager, Cincotta said that he was "impressed" with the new manager; that he (Caputo)

was an ambitious man who "knows what his goals and limits are as set forth by the Council."

On the subject of the pending referendum vote and the system of Directorships, Cincotta said that he felt that the referendum would be passed and that the majority of the citizens of Agawam do like that type of government structure. Cincotta said it was his feeling that the directorships were "a good and efficient way to run the government."

Cincotta also believes in "planned growth" for the community where a healthy balance of residential, business and industrial areas will be a positive thing for the town.

The Cincotta's have one child and are expecting their second in the near future. Stephen graduated from Agawam High and attended Holyoke Community College and Westfield State. He is employed as a supervisor for Rocky's Home Centers.

His plans for the future include a second term on the Town Council, most probably in an at-large seat. "Those who don't know me will", said Cincotta, "and those who do, don't have to be told."

From the Editor's Desk



by Pat Guevin

I've received a lot of complaints lately on the condition of many of the roads here in town. It seems many of our streets have fallen prey to the freezing and thawing that usually happens this time of year. I've tried to listen sympathetically and explain to the callers that there really wasn't much that I could do to alleviate the problem. I have suggested to those people that they might do better talking to their Councilors.

A couple of things have recently happened, however, that have made me become concerned about the problem of poor roads and the possibility that some of my tax money may be shoveled down the drain. On two separate occasions I have witnessed a DPW crew filling in potholes with what I assume was "cold patch" or something similar. On the first occasion the truck was proceeding south on Suffield Street. A man jumped off the truck and threw a couple of shovelfuls of cold patch into a pothole. I waited for someone to tamp the stuff down-as I have seen it done on many occasions in private parking lots-so it would firmly fill the hole, however, no one even attempted to do that, and the man with the shovel signaled for the truck to proceed while he filled other potholes in like manner. About a week later, I again saw a DPW truck on Suffield Street, and the men were refilling the same potholes that were filled a week earlier. It seems the water and traffic quickly emptied the potholes of the first batch of cold patch I saw put into them (who knows how many times in the past these same holes have been filled). You'd assume that this second time they would think to tamp the material into the hole to make it a little more permanent, but I watched, and this was not done.

I wonder now how much money its costing the Town of Agawam to fill and refill these potholes? Two days after the last "patch job", those same potholes on Suffield were almost completely opened again-I don't like to think that taxpayers money is being wasted, but it sure looks that way.

The second thing that happened to raise my concern was a phone call I received from the owner of a business here in town who was complaining about the drainage problem in the street which leads to his shop. He told me that even though the street was not yet "accepted" by the town, the town had installed a drainage system in the area which was apparently not doing its job. His place of business was inaccessible from a portion of the road which was completely covered with water and had become a quagmire. He told me that the situation had persisted for a number of years, and that the businesses in that area had tried several times in the past to have the situation corrected, with no satisfaction.

The man told me that he was seriously thinking of expanding his business, but would certainly not do so in Agawam, nor would he recommend Agawam as a place of business to anyone.

What disturbs me is that if these situations, and situations like them are allowed to continue, I see only that a lot of taxpayer monies are being wasted on what appear to be correctable situations. If modern technology has not been able to produce some material to fill potholes for more than a few days at a time, of if this is a bad time of year to attempt to fill them in, then why not just let them alone until weather conditions are suitable. It seems to me that all we are doing under the present circumstances, is throwing good money after bad.

To the Editor:

I would like to thank you for taking an interest in Agawam Copy and Print, as in the "Business Profile" which was done in your March 14th issue. Your "Business Profile", I think, is one of the highlights of your paper and will make the people of Agawam familiar with their surrounding businesses.

I would also like to congratulate the new owners for the excellent job they are doing in publishing the new Agawam Advertiser/News.

Thank you again,
John J. Juliano Jr.
Agawam Copy & Print

To the Editor,

The newly elected officers of the Citizens for Good Government would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Agawam for their many efforts of help in making the recent victory on reorganization possible. Without their financial support and help, Citizens for Good Government could not have accomplished the successful court action and shown the former Town Council acted illegally and not in the best interest of Agawam. Now that the court has ruled, we sincerely hope the new Town Manager, Mr. Caputo, and the new Town Council, will serve the wishes of the people and abide by their oaths.

Joseph R. Tortoriello - pres.
Rosemary Sandlin - vice pres.
Ida Stevens - Treas.
Anita Davilli - Secretary

To the Editor,

Thank you for coming and telling us about the Agawam Advertiser/News. This is from Project S.E.E. We all appreciate it. Thank you for the copy of the Advertiser. I bet you work hard on it.

The nicest part was when you said we could write something in the Advertiser. Well, thank you again.

Truly,
Kristin Haglund
Project S.E.E.

To The Editor:

This is to take issue with your remarks in the March 14th issue, wherein you state that your reporter, after wandering around the Jr. High Building for fifteen minutes, found the door to the School Committee meeting locked.

Let me state that in twelve years of service, the door has never been locked to any School Committee meeting. I do recall at that meeting, hearing a knock on the door that leads to the school cafeteria, and upon opening, admitted your reporter. This is not the door used to enter the Superintendent's office, where all meetings are held, open to the public.

The Superintendent's Office is properly, and clearly indicated upon entering the front of the building. I hope that your reporter will be more observant when he attends future School Committee meetings.

School Committeeman
Walter A. Balboni

Class of '53 Plans Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1953 is planning a 25th Reunion on May 27, 1978 at St. Ann's Country Club in Feeding Hills. All members of the class are being contacted now with information.

Addresses are needed for the following people who have not been able to be contacted: Richard Rainboth, Eileen Haseltine Gendreu, Dr. Leo Polanczak. If anyone has an information about them, please contact a member of the committee, Mrs. Smith Rovelli of Feeding Hills, Mrs. James D. Fogg of Agawam, or Ted Twarog of Feeding Hills.

Agawam Jr Womens Club

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold a joint meeting with the Meadows Junior Women's Club on Tuesday evening, March 21st, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in East Longmeadow. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Shirley Gomes, Assistant Director of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership, who will speak on leadership development. Mrs. Marilyn Perry, Director of Junior Clubs will be special guest of

honor for the evening. The meeting will begin at 8:00 P.M., and anyone wishing transportation to the meeting is asked to call Mrs. Nancy Rosner, 56 Lawnwood Street for carpool information.

Hazeldean Peacock

Hazeldean (Wood) Peacock, of 61 Mercury Court, West Springfield, died in Agawam on Thursday, March 16, 1978. Widow of Walter W. Peacock. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow, Friday, March 31, at 10 a.m. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Dickinson-Streeter service.

Peter Capitanio

Peter Capitanio, 92, of 32 Meadow Street, cement finisher for T.A. Pearson Associates, West Springfield, for many years, died Sunday, March 12 in Mercy Hospital. Born in Gambellara, Vicenza, Italy, he lived in Agawam 50 years, and was a member of the Bricklayers, Mason and Plasterers Union 101. He was a 50-year member of the union. He leaves his wife, Erminia (Marchetto) Capitanio of Agawam; two brothers, Emilio Capitanio of Agawam, and Luigi Capitanio of Italy; and a nephew, Frank Capitanio of Agawam. The funeral was held Wednesday morning, March 15, at George B. Tazzini and Son funeral home, with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will be in Springfield Cemetery, Springfield.

Thomas J. Gregalis

Thomas J. Gregalis, 45, of 23 Lincoln Street, employee of the Corporate Aircraft, Inc. of Hartford, Conn., was stricken at work Tuesday, March 14, and was dead on arrival at Hartford Hospital following an apparent heart attack. Born in North Adams, he lived in Agawam 20 years and was a member communicant of the Sacred Heart Church and was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He leaves his wife, Madliene (Roy) Gregalis; a son, Bruce J. at home; two daughters, Michelle J. and Jacqueline D., both at home; his mother Julia (Borowski) Gregalis of North Adams; and a sister, Mrs. William Houghton of North Adams. The funeral was held Friday, March 17 at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Valeda LaMouria

Valeda (Valley) LaMouria, 74, of 104 Mercy Hospital, Springfield. Born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., she lived here the last four years. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Ladies of St. Ann in St. Johnsbury. She leaves a daughter, Lorraine Blair with whom she lived, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday morning, March 20, at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in the spring in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Johnsbury.

John E. Kelly

John E. Kelly, 80, of 21 Francis Street, retired 15 year machine operator at Moore Drop Forge Co., died Friday, March 17 in Baystate Medical Center. He retired in 1963. Born in Simsbury, Conn., he lived in Springfield for many years before moving to the Feeding Hills section of Agawam in 1958. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He leaves his wife, Irene (Gouth) Kelly; two sons Edward B. of Calgary, Canada and James M. of Southington, Conn.; two daughters, Lorraine K. Young of North Branford, Conn. and Irene M. Hermann of Warren, Mich.; a sister, Julia E. Kelly of Southington, Conn., and 16 grandchildren. The funeral was Monday, March 20, at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield and in the church with burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Simsbury, Conn.

Frances W. Abrams

Frances W. (Whalen) Abrams, died Monday, March 13 in a local nursing home. Born in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., she lived in Chatham, N.Y. most of her life before moving to Agawam a month ago. She leaves two sons, William F. of Kingston, N.Y., and John S. of East Chatham; a daughter, Patricia A. Query of Agawam a brother, Sebastian D. of Brewster, N.Y.; a sister, Ria Simmons of Pittsfield; 10 grandchildren; and three

This Week's Young Businessmen

This week the Agawam Advertiser/News salutes two young men as our "Young Businessmen of the Week". Michael and James Fleming are brothers who share delivery in the Feeding Hills area.



Michael Fleming

Michael is fifteen years old and a sophomore at Agawam High School. He is a member of the Boy Scouts and Junior Achievement.

James is fourteen years old and attends Agawam Jr. High School. Jim plays baseball for the Agawam Athletic Association, and likes sports in general, as does brother Mike.

The boys are the sons of Mr. & Mrs. Mel Fleming of North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Their route includes: Columbia Drive, Granger Drive, White Oaks Drive, Red Oaks Drive, Liquori Drive, Kellogg Avenue, Princeton Avenue, Vassar Road, Cambridge and Northwood Streets, Country View Circle, Belvedere Street, Brookline Avenue, and Carriage Manor Apartments.



James Fleming

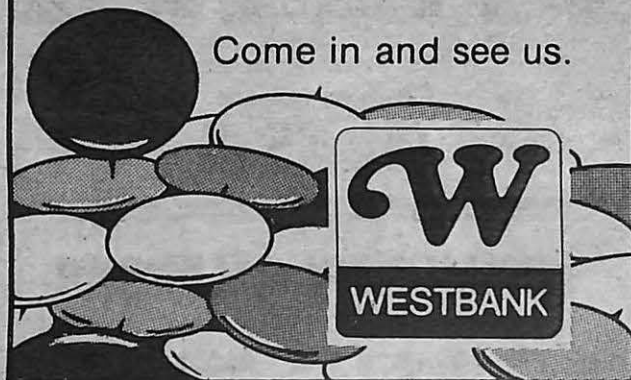
Good luck to these two ambitious young men. Keep up the good work.

Merriweds Present Americana Showcase

The Merriweds of the Agawam Congregational Church at 745 Main Street, will hold their 11th annual craft fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. **SAVE THE TIME:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **SAVE the date - April 1.** **SAVE your money, ATTEND Americana Showcase, SEE craftsmen at work, VISIT with artisans and friends, BUY a treasure for yourself or for a friend. LUNCH with us in our snack area. Spend a happy day with us at the Americana Showcase at the Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, April 1.**

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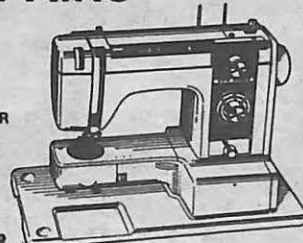
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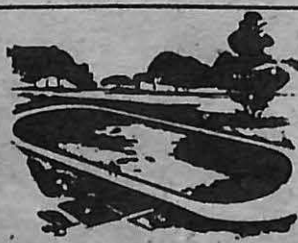
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Social

Ham & Bean Supper

There will be a Family Style Ham and Bean Supper at the Agawam Baptist Church on Saturday, April 1, 1978, served at 5 P.M. and 6 P.M. Everything will be cooked by Mr. and Mrs. Club. The menu includes baked ham,

home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted pies, coffee, tea or milk. Adults \$3.00 and children (under ten) \$1.00. For reservations call 786-7122 or 786-7410.

Kunasek Recouperating

It was learned recently that David G. Kunasek, Million Dollar Round Table Man with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is home recovering from open heart surgery, which was recently completed at Peter Brent Brigham

Hospital.

Kunasek resides with his wife and three children on Day Street in Feeding Hills. He is wished a speedy recovery by his friends and neighbors.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 29, 1978

Agawam Historical Society
Association Meeting
8:00
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MARCH 29, 1978

Tripa Supper
Holy Name Society of
St. Anthony's Church
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Church Hall, Maple Street

APRIL 1, 1978

Family Style
Ham & Bean Supper
Serving at 5 P.M. and 6 P.M.
Agawam Baptist Church

APRIL 1, 1978

Miss Pioneer Valley
Scholarship Pageant
8:00 P.M.
Agawam High School Auditorium

APRIL 1, 1978

11th Annual Americana Showcase
Craft Fair
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Agawam Congregational Church

APRIL 2, 1978

Arts & Crafts Festival
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Agawam Jr Women's Club

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is pleased to announce that Agawam's Fourth Annual Arts and Crafts Festival will be held July 8th and 9th. The outdoor festival will take place along Main Street in Agawam Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 8th and from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 9th. Chairman of this year's festival is Mrs. Paul Huber, assisted by Mrs. Judi Lech, registration, Mrs. Barbara O'Connor, hospitality, Mrs. Rita Bluteau, refreshments, and Mrs. Barbara Henry, publicity.

Many New England artists and craftspeople are expected to take part in the Agawam Festival. Fine art exhibits in prior years have included oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, and graphics. Pottery, leathercraft, jewelry, scrimshaw, stained glass, and tile were among the great variety of quality crafts on display.

Applications are now being accepted for this year's festival. Any area artists or craftsmen wishing to exhibit may obtain entry forms by contacting Mrs. Rita Bluteau, 172 North Street, Agawam.

Reception Held for Fr. Lis

The combined efforts of the parishioners of St. John's Church, Main St., resulted in a surprise reception for Fr. John Lis at the Church's Parish Center. Over four hundred people were in attendance, including Fr. Lis' parents and his twin brother, to honor him for his service to the parish.

Fr. Lis, who was recently transferred out of St. John's, was presented many gifts from the parishioners, including a red and white Polish Eagle, done on felt and made by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Gallano. The theme of the reception was done in red and white in honor of St. Joseph's day which was March 18.

Fr. Lis' parents and twin brother were guests at the rectory for dinner, after which Fr. Lis said Mass and gave the sermon in the Church. The reception followed the Mass. All money Fr. Lis received, he returned to the Church to be used for the benefit of any boy from St. John's Parish studying or wishing to study for the Priesthood.

Fr. Lis' new assignment is at St. Stanislaus Church in Adams, Mass.



At the Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper recently sponsored by the Lions Club, the Lioness Club held a bake sale. Pictured from left are: Elaine Taupier, Jossie Chriscola, and Jeannie Clouse.

Lions Club Supper

Over 600 people were treated to a traditional Irish supper at the Agawam Lions Club 8th annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper. St. Patrick's Day was the time and the Middle School cafeteria was the place where many people were treated to a supper fit for any Irishman or for that matter anyone. The members of the Lions Club did all the cooking and preparation, and members of the Lioness organization held a bake sale on the premises. Proceeds from the supper are used by the Lions Club to help in the field of eye research, their national organizational endeavor.

This & That

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Signs of spring are just around the corner, as the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department announced recently that summer positions are open for various jobs at the different school playgrounds. Thirty-four positions to be filled include 20 persons for playground leaders, 6 Arts and Crafts instructors, and 3 instructors for the tennis program. The playground summer schedule will run for 8 weeks, beginning on June 26, and closing on August 18 at 12 noon.

Applications may be picked up at the Recreation office in Town Hall by April 30th, as all applicants will be interviewed to obtain the best staff possible. Applications are also available for persons who are interested in working as umpires in the baseball and softball leagues during the summer. An umpires clinic will be held prior to the season by the department to discuss rules and regulations, along with proper field positions.

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam announced the date of their annual "Fall Festival of Crafts" last week at a club meeting. The annual festival will be held this year on Saturday, October 7, at the Social Hall of St. John's Parish. Any area craftsmen who wish to be represented in

the show may contact Mrs. Claude Ouellette, of 94 Florida Drive, Agawam.

The Community Grange of Agawam will meet Tuesday, March 21, at 8 P.M. at the Grange Home on North West Street. During the meeting, the first and second degrees will be worked on a class of candidates. The first degree will be worked by the regular officers, while the second degree will be conferred by a special degree team with C. Wesley Thayer as master. On Sunday, March 19th, at 4:00 P.M., a special meeting and rehearsal will take place to receive applications for membership and to rehearse for the presentation of degrees.

Also meeting Tuesday, March 21, is the Agawam Junior Women's Club, which is holding a meeting with the Meadows Junior Women's Club, at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in East Longmeadow. The guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Shirley Gomes, Assistant Director of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership. Mrs. Gomes is scheduled to speak on leadership development.

Mrs. Marilyn Perry, the

Director of the Women's Clubs, will be the special guest of honor for the evening. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 P.M.

Public Notice: Just in case you missed it in last week's issue, the Agawam School Committee will hold their public meetings for the next 3-5 consecutive Tuesdays, depending on when the budget is completed. The meetings are held in the office area of the Agawam Jr. High School at 6:30 P.M.

Nowadays, with inflation soaring high, and the value of the dollar diminishing, people are beginning to say that the value of everything is going down. Not so, says the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, as they claim that the automobile industry is pced according to its price, as the growing electronic sophistication of the automobile increases according to its value.

For example, the Aston Marton Lagonda automobile company puts out an exclusive automobile, that they claim, to be one of the more "sophisticated" models. The present sticker price on the vehicle is set at \$75,000 which really should be for the more "sophisticated" people. The reason for the extremely high price (that is, for most of us), is that the instrument panel has a number of electronic gadgets for each area of the car. The complete instrument panel holds 46 indicators, including one which gives the tail-pipe temperature, and another that shows the fluid level in the windshield washer bottle. How's that for extras?



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The third grade at Danahy presented a St. Patricks Day Play entitled "The Wizard of Leprechaunland". They presented the play twice on March 17th for parents, friends and schoolmates. Preceding each performance, Vera Conway played Irish music. photo by Jack Devine

Trippa Supper

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church of Agawam will have their annual Trippa Supper, Wednesday March 29, in the Church Hall on Maple Street. There will be continuous servings from 6-8 p.m. Also on the menu will be macaroni and meatballs. Besides the two main courses, tossed salad, bread and coffee and refreshments will be served. The supper is open to the public and women are welcome. Tickets are reasonably priced at \$3.00 and may be obtained from any Holy Name member or at the Rectory, 108 Bridge Street, Agawam. Tickets may also be obtained from the ushers after the 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses on Saturday, March 25, and the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses on Sunday, March 26, or at the door.

Holy Name President Alfred Dugan is in charge of tickets and is assisted by Paul D'Amato. The Rev. Joseph H. Fellin C.S.S. is honorary chairman. Frank Gatti is Chairman of the event, assisted by Co-Chairman "Gubby" Borgatti. Paul Ferrarini will handle publicity.

Assisting the Chairmen are Robert Baj, Rocco Cascella, Ken Balboni, Frank Fagnani, Peter Raimondi, Louie Gallerani, Al Bellano, and other Holy Name members. The Holy Rosary Sodality members will help. The kitchen will be in charge of Dorothy Pilegi, "Tillie" Gallerani, Edith Bongiovanni Dolores Gatti, Fran Dugan and Alma Castelli. "Honey Bunch" to go will be available for your sweet hearts and wives-just bring your own container.

Proceeds will be used for church repairs.

15 Make Dean's List at HCC

The Dean's List for the fall semester at Holyoke Community College has been announced by Dr. Philip S. Campbell, Dean of the College.

Those named students who earned a quality point average of 3.0 ("B") or better and who carried at least 14 semester hours of work during the past semester were: Gail Bellame, Carol Kajka, Holly Kinnell, Mark MacGilvray, Diane Montagna, Leila Soffen, Bryan Troie, and Michael Wilson, all of Agawam. Also, Susan Adamski, Judith Bozek, Daniel Karakla, Lori King, Kathryn Montagna, and Dawn Paro, all of Feeding Hills.

Rotary Club Public Auction

The first annual Agawam Rotary Club Public Auction will be held on Saturday, June 10, 1978, 1-4 p.m. at the Westfield Savings Bank, grounds on Main Street, Agawam. Rain or Shine. All proceeds will benefit the Agawam Library Building Fund.

Childrens

Asthma Program

The Western Massachusetts Lung Association in cooperation with the Springfield YMCA is offering a "better breathing" class for children with asthma problems. The ten week course will start on Monday, April 3rd at 3:30 p.m. The program is open to boys and girls ages 8-12. Enrolment is limited and advanced registration is

necessary. You may register by calling or writing to the Western Massachusetts Lung Association.

Tim Moynihan, Program Consultant with the "Christmas Seal" Agency said that the program has three objectives: First to teach the child proper breathing techniques and basic breathing exercises to improve respiration. Second to demonstrate the use of exercise to relax, improve posture and promote general fitness, and third to help the child develop a positive attitude toward himself and his condition.

For more information call the Western Mass. Lung Association at 737-3506.

Protect Your Home From Loss Due To Possible Flooding

Get Flood Insurance before the winter thaw begins. Anyone living in areas with unusual snow and river ice conditions should protect their property now with flood insurance.

According to weather experts, the possibility of flooding is unusually high in many areas if there is a shift to warmer temperatures, resulting in rapidly melting snow and rain. In some parts of the country, the same conditions could cause flooding as a result of ice jams.

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So, if the thaw could put your property in jeopardy, don't wait until warm weather to buy flood insurance. It may be too late.



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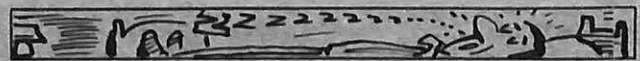
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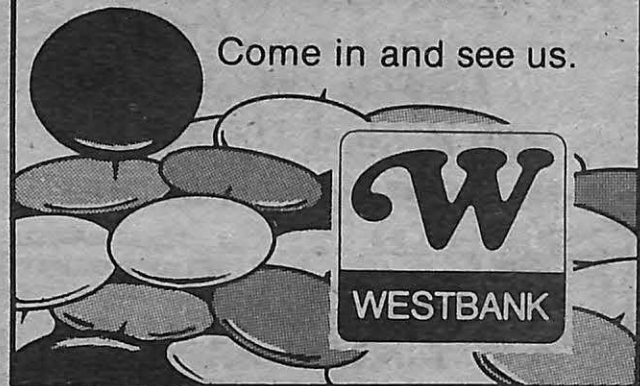
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Elementary Band Solo-Ensemble Festivals

Elementary Band members will perform in solo-ensemble festivals on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28-29, at Agawam Junior High Auditorium.

The solo-ensemble festival has been organized by Mr. David Baldock in recent years to provide a chance for student musicians to perform as a soloist or in a small group. The event has become so popular that this year it will be held on four different afternoons with secondary school students having their own festival later in April.

Nearly all of the Elementary Band members who are under the direction of Mrs. Sally Lowell will participate in the festival under the following schedule:

Tuesday, March 28 (approximate times)
1:30 students from Phelps
2:40 students from Danahy
3:20 students from Clark

Wednesday, March 29
1:30 students from Granger
2:30 students from Robinson

Mr. Baldock who is band director at the Junior High and Middle School will adjudicate and give comments to the elementary band members who will be performing during both afternoons.

There is no admission charge for this event and parents and friends are invited to attend all of the solo-ensemble events.

The secondary school afternoons will also be open to voice and piano students as well as those who play band instruments and will also include some string students. Solo-ensemble day for Middle School students will be Wednesday, April 26 (at the Middle School auditorium). Junior High and Senior High students will have their day on Thursday, April 27 at the Junior High School Auditorium.



Members of the Agawam High Band and Color Guard parents met recently to begin planning the band's upcoming trip to New Jersey in May. Seated from left are: Lois Mastromatteo, Paula Antico, Barbara Tessicini, Mary Turner, Eva Nascembeni and Phyllis Ouellette.

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Agawam's Adult Education Program includes a 20 week Cake Decorating class, held every Thursday night at the High School. Last week the class instructed by Doris Williams of Westfield, were busy making chocolate fudge Easter Eggs. The chocolate coated eggs were brightly decorated in designs for Easter. Pictured above are Mrs. Williams, left and student Rose Sattler of Agawam.

photo by Jack Devine

Troop 75 Awards



Pictured is Troop #75, from left to right: First Row James Baurle, Ronald Osborne, Dan Gorman, Billy Fortier; Kneeling Scoutmaster Glenn Seymour, Todd Huhtanen, Steven Provost, Greg Ghareeb, Bob Uschmann and Scoutmaster Tom Tourville; Standing, James Lamoureux, Bob Lancour, Tom Fortier, Marc Lamoureux, Michael Fleming.

photo by Jack Devine

Troop 75 of Feeding Hills, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, held a Court of Honor on March 15, 1978, in the Parish Center. Trooper Ronald Uminski of the Mass. State Police gave an excellent talk and presented a slide on narcotics.

Awards earned by the Scouts are as follows:

Second Class: Marc Lamoureux, James Lamoureux, Robert Uschmann, Tom Fortier.

Tenderfoot: Greg Ghareeb, Tom Fortier, Robert Uschmann, Todd Huhtanen.

Scout Progress: Greg Ghareeb, Ronald Osborne.

James Baurle, Todd Huhtanen, Bill Fortier. Merit Badges and Skill Awards were presented as follows:

Tom Fornier, Swimming; James Lamoureux, cooking, pioneering, sports; Marc Lamoureux, swimming, cooking, reading; Robert Uschmann, communications, home repairs, coin collecting; Greg Ghareeb, cooking; Todd Huhtanen, cooking, canoeing, cooking; Danny Gorman, communications and camping skill; Bill Fortier, family living, communications, citizenship skill awards.

Patrol Leaders, Robert Lancour, who is the Scribe and Robert Uschmann, who is also a Den Chief. March Lamoureux is also a Den chief. The Den Chiefs help with the Webelo Cub Scouts.

Adults serving for the past year are Glenn Seymour, Scoutmaster; Donald Provost, Asst. Scoutmaster; Robert Uschmann, Sr., Advancement; Helen Liptak, Treasurer; Gisele Lamoureux, telephone; Thomas Fortier, Sr., Chairman, and committee members Richard Huhtanen, Mel Fleming, Ronald Osborne, George Liptak.

James Lamoureux is the Senior Patrol Leader; Michael Fleming the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; Tom Fortier and Marc Lamoureux are Patrol Leaders; Assistant

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P.A.C. Celebrates 1st Anniversary Bingo Playing



The Polish American Club of Agawam is celebrating their First Year Anniversary of Playing Bingo. Pictured above cutting the cake are, from left to right: Wanda Adawski, Bill Janulewica and Anna May Twarog. photo by Jack Devine

The Polish American Club of Agawam is celebrating their First Year Anniversary Playing Bingo. There was coffee and cake for

all those present plus a token of appreciation gift was given. The Bingo Committee has made donations to the Agawam High School band

and School Safety Patrol, also working with Library Commission for a contribution for the new library.

The Polish American Club invites all friends and neighbors to participate in our Bingo activities.

Project S.E.E.

In September, 1977, Granger School in Feeding Hills instituted a pilot program for "intellectually able" 4th and 5th grade students. The program, entitled "Project S.E.E.-Specific Enrichment Education", was initiated by Mrs. Ann Bradford, an Agawam resident, and a 4th grade teacher at the school. According to Mrs. Bradford, the program "is designed to be one of enrichment, not acceleration."

The eleven students presently in the program were chosen on the basis of test scores and teacher recommendations. The children spend one hour each afternoon working either in a "resource room" at the school, and outside the school in such places as the library, museums, art galleries, etc. The children are provided with materials and experiences that are "commensurate with their ability rather than their grade level. The project is based upon an "Enrichment Triad Model" developed by Dr. Renzulli, of the University of Connecticut. The Triad Model is composed of three interacting types of activities: general

exploratory activities, group training activities, and individual and small group investigations of real problems. The project is aimed at providing the children with advanced skills in research, and "the development of the higher cognitive skills of interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating", according to Mrs. Bradford. She also stated that the program "strives to develop the idea that along with capability goes responsibility and responsiveness to the needs of others.

The purpose of the general exploratory activities, the first part of the triad model, is designed to expose students to topics, issues, authors, etc. that are not covered in the regular classroom. To implement this purpose, the group has visited such places as the library, a book store, and an art gallery. They have attended an opera, and visited Talcott Mountain Science Center where they learned of Chronobiology, or Bio-rhythms.

The purpose of the Group Training Activities, or the second part of the triad, is to provide students with the skills necessary to solve problems, develop self-

awareness, and a sensitivity to others. They have spent time at the library learning the Dewey Decimal System, Card catalogue, etc., have read and discussed biographies with attention to hardships met and overcome, and are learning how to type.

In the third part of the triad, the Individual and Small Group Investigations of Real Problems, the children are taught to become actual investigators of real problems or topics by using appropriate methods of inquiry. The students are given the opportunity to "apply thinking and feeling processes to real situations rather than structured exercises", and to "produce a real product for an appropriate audience."

This endeavor is accomplished in several ways. First the students are responsible for posing a "how" or "why" question each month and then give a one minute concise presentation of information on that subject. They have also been involved in video-taping documentaries on the life of Nathan Hale and on the book *The Upstairs Room*. This has involved much research and the preparation of brochures to accompany the video-tapes.

Included in this portion of the Triad Model is the development of a slide and cassette presentation by the children and independent study.

All in all it is an ambitious project designed to help a portion of the school community for which, previously, there was no specialized program. Mrs. Bradford commended the Principal of Granger School, Jim Loomis for his untiring efforts to meet the needs of this program. This is just a pilot program, approved by the School Committee. Where it will lead no one knows for sure. One thing is certain though, the children in the program are enjoying themselves and at the same time enriching their learning experience.

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Sports

Brownie Icemen. . . A One of a Kind Team

by Dan Maruszcaak Jr.

Last Tuesday Night, the Brownie Hockey Team fell hard to defeat at the hands of Leominster. The defeat brought the end of an incredible era of the 1977-78 season.

Throughout the playoffs, Gary Melanson shined, as he tallied up ten goals for the tourney. Dave Vanasse, Brownie Captain, was spectacular in the win over Taconic, setting up John DeMont's big goal and Marc Yacavone's winning tally on heads up plays.

The Brownies were blessed this year with two solid scoring lines. Coach Bill Sapelli didn't hesitate to send out either the Marc Yacavone Dave Vanasse, Jim Sibia line, or the Jim Dow, Alan Hardina, and Gary Malanson line whenever the Brownies needed goals.

Vanasse was at his best during the tournament, streaking up and down the ice leading Brownie scoring drives, and stopping opposing forwards in their scoring attempts.

The Brownies had their moments, as they fired an incredible 57 shots on goal

against the Pittsfield Generals in a semifinal game earlier this month. The Brownies were expected to win big this season, but no one had figured the Leominster Devils in their game plan either.

Perseverance? The Brownies had this payoff for them in their game with the Generals, as they never let down despite being frustrated by General netminder John Pollander's fine goaltending.

In that game, the Coliseum nearly exploded as Jim Dow scored one of his classic goals late in the game to propel Agawam to the victory.

Agawam, finishing at 16-5-2 in its first year under Coach Sapelli, finally lost a one-goal game to Leominster after a 7-6 win over Chicopee Comp, and 5-4 decision over Pittsfield and Taconic in the Western Mass. playoffs. The Brownies were riding high into the Leominster game, with Fay Division and Western Mass. Division II titles in hand, until their crushing defeat.

Agawam hockey has improved, as a year ago, the Brownies were 1-15-2 in Berry Division play.



Members of the Agawam High Wrestling Team were recently presented award plaques at the Booster Club Banquet. Pictured are (l-r), Dennis Gaunor, Brian Rheault, Tony Pezzimenti, Roger Mason, Captian, Head Coach Phil Tomkiel, Sal Morassi, Captain, Bob Stone, Captain, and Joe Cignoli. Not pictured is John Graveline. photo by Jack Devine

. . . Treated to Awards and Dinner

The Agawam High School Wrestling team was treated to an enjoyable evening at the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge. Each varsity

member received a beautifully made plaque with a picture of the entire team on it plus highlights of their wrestling career.

The meal that the young matmen received was fit for a king. The returning members of the squad will have to start working out soon to wear off

the calories from the great feast. A great time was had by all.

Over Thirty Basketball

One of the best basketball games in the Over Thirty Basketball League was played Sunday morning, March 19th, between Village Lounge and the Dan Greens. Despite an outstanding shooting performance by Captain Dan Green, the Village Lounge squeaked by in overtime 74-70.

The contest was nip'n tuck from the opening tap with neither team able to mount an unanswered attack. The Dan Greens used their inside muscle to maintain a slight edge in the first half. The Village Lounge, using Jim Grady and Wayne Morse with some deadly shooting and

rebounding, slowly carried the momentum. The game went into overtime when a forty foot jump shot swished but was disallowed at the buzzer. The Lounge went ahead by four and played keep-away as time ran out.

Jr. High Baseball

by Steve Berard

The Agawam Junior High School is gathering its forces for their 1978 Baseball Team. The team had an excellent record last year with 13 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie as they went on to win the Valley Wheel Championship under Coach Michael Minutelli. Minutelli, who has since left the Agawam School System,

was replaced by Coach Michael Polanski, who will head the team this year. There is a lot of talent returning from last year, such as pitchers Craig Colombe, David Lyne, and Scott Karam, so another fine season is expected.



Valley Community faced Abbett Tax in the Agawam A.A. 8-10 Division basketball. In a regular season finale, Abbett Tax won 46-43 in a very close and exciting game. The season is over for Valley Community and Abbett will go on to the playoffs. photo by Jack Devine

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Swim Team Sign-up Extended

The A.A.A. Piranhas, Agawam's age-group competitive swim team, has extended the period during which boys and girls aged 5-18 may register for the team's spring/summer season. Agawam residents may phone Rod Richardson at 786-2952 for registration information.

Richardson, the Piranhas' Commissioner, stresses that the team is open to all

Agawam swimmers between the ages of 5 and 18. Practices, which will begin in late April and continue through the summer, will not conflict with school, nor will they interfere with family vacations and week-end activities.

"Practices and meets are held on week days and evenings," says Richardson, "and the team understands that a swimmer may miss either or

both because of family vacations." He adds that the Piranhas are eager to enroll new members as well as former members of the team in all age groups, from "eight and unders" who want to show off their swimming skills, to "fifteen to eighteens" who want to try competition against themselves and the clock.

The Piranhas are coached by Judi Gregory, Girls' Varsity

Swim Coach at Longmeadow High School. Under Ms. Gregory, team members

practice to improve swimming skills, and to compete in their own age groups with

teams from other towns in the Western Mass. Summer Swim League.

What is Tae Kwon Do?

Tae Kwan Do is a Korean Martial Art which has been developed through centuries of Eastern civilization. Today Tae Kwan Do has evolved into not only the most effective method of weaponless self-defense, but an intricate art, an exciting sport and a trenchant method of maintaining physical fitness.

Many think that breaking boards and bricks is what Tae Kwan Do consists of, but this is an entirely false concept. Demonstrations displaying such feats merely show the power and speed the human body is capable of utilizing through Tae Kwon Do training.

Temendous skill and control are required in Tae Kwon Do. While blocking, kicking and punching techniques all contribute to making Tae Kwon Do one of the most exciting and competitive sports, its challenge lies in the adept use of techniques without having any actual body contact. Complete control over punching and kicking movements is paramount in stop-

ping just centimeters short of the opponent.

Through the coordination of control, balance and technique in the performance of hyungs (patterns), Tae Kwon Do is regarded as a beautiful and highly skilled martial art. It is also one of the most all around methods of physical fitness since it utilizes every single muscle of the body and is considered the ultimate in unarmed self-defense. In Korea, the Presidential Protective Forces are all trained in Tae Kwon Do and several other countries are adopting it into the training programs of their protective forces as well.

What are Tae Kwon Do Hyungs? One of the most important aspects of Tae Kwon Do training is learning Tae Kwon Do Hyungs - a set series of attacking and defensive movements which follow a logical, predetermined sequence. Although each hyung is comprised of different movements or techniques, there are certain basic elements common to all:

by Joseph Slaimen

Each hyung begins and ends from the same point.

All movements are performed at speeds and rhythms conforming to those established by the hyungs being performed. All movements must be performed with rapid facing and correct posture.

Each hyung in itself is of immense value in the physical and mental development of the student since it serves many purposes. As a means of physical coordination and endurance which ultimately leads to increased self discipline.

Hyung also give the student the opportunity to practice the ideal blocking and attacking movements against an imaginary opponent. Just as the student in school learns to print, so his handwriting is a departure from the ideal and becomes a mark of his personal style. The same may be said for Tae Kwan Do. A student's sparring of fighting style becomes his adaptation of the principles he has acquired from hyungs. The hyungs, then are the student's line between Tae Kwon Do training and actual fighting. Finally hyungs are a graphic demonstration of the art of Tae Kwon Do that is a mark of the level of development the student has acquired. As a student progresses, he undertakes more complex hyungs. They are designed to challenge and make him call upon his resources and all that he has learned in order to perform the new movements and increase his scope of discipline and development.

Tae Kwon Do hyungs have been developed and perfected throughout the centuries by the outstanding teachers of the art. Each hyung consists of the most logical movements of blocking, punching, striking or kicking possible within that sequence of movements. A student should not attempt to take on a new hyung until he has perfected the hyungs he is required to learn at his level of achievement. Before advancing to another hyung, it is customary for a student to perform the one he is presently learning at least 300 times.

Student Faculty Game Fun for All



Jr. High Faculty vs. students. Pictured are from left to right: Michael Polanski [Notre Dame shirt], Dean Molta [53], William Jobbins [Kotter], Craig Ober [54], and Frank Meager [plain T-shirt].
photo by Joe Tortoriello

300 fans watched the exciting game between the students and the teachers of the Agawam Junior High School last Friday. The teachers controlled much of the game with their size and passing. The students on the other hand showed lots of fine shooting as Kevin Barnes and Dave Lyne each had a fine game. The kids had many problems to deal with, such as superstar Spider Jobbins, although Jobbins didn't score a point in the game for the third year in a row, he's always been known to be a

terror on the court. The students also had trouble with the new athletic coach Mike Polanski who was the leading scorer for the teachers. The final score showed the students losing 46-35, but there were rumors that before the game the faculty told the kids for each point you score a point will be taken off your grade!! We don't know if this is true but we are positive the students are going to come back next year with revenge on their minds.

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Agawam Park & Rec News

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Ballroom Dance instruction will begin on Friday night March 31 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. through May 26th at the Robinson Park School. Elizabeth Conway Meissner will serve as dance instructor. All types of dance steps will be taught. There is a weekly fee for this program. No advanced registration is needed.

Agawam Recreation Dept. Thinking July

If today's sultry weather is making you think of the end of winter, Jack Kunasek at the Parks & Recreation Department would like you to go further and think about volunteering now for the 3rd annual July 4 festival weekend.

Kunasek is again serving as general chairman of the event. The weekend festival will begin on Saturday night July 1 with a giant firework display at the High School followed by a parade on Sunday July 2nd leading into the town picnic which will again be held at the Polish Club.

The picnic will be coordinated by Bill Kushin, Ted Tworg, and Stan Chmielewski and will consist of games of chance, food stands of many types and two bands will play throughout the afternoon and evening.

Any organizations who wish to reserve space for this affair are asked to do so at once. The spaces are going fast. 7,000 people attended last year's event and a good time was had by all.

Volunteers are needed to work on the parade section of this annual event.

For further information contact the Recreation Department.

Fall Sports Signups

Signups for Fall Sports-girls and boys soccer, football, and cheerleading will be held on Saturday April 15th at the Middle School cafeteria

Stress Testing Clinic

The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA is initiating its spring Fitness Program with a fitness testing clinic for new class members on March 23 from 6-9 p.m. The clinic is also for current program participants taking a retest for an evaluation of their progress in the fitness program. The clinic is open to Y members and non-members.

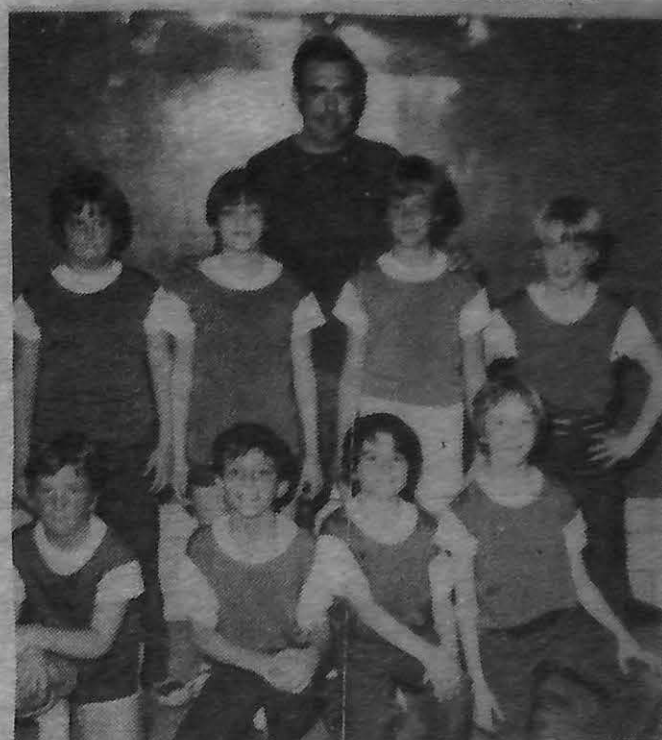
Each person attending will be individually tested in a submaximal stress test utilizing a bicycle ergometer and an electrical heart rate monitor. At the group clinic, tests for minimal strength and flex-

ibility, a strength test, flexibility evaluation, body composition determination, a muscular endurance test, a blood pressure reading, blood analysis, measurements for general physical characteristics such as height, weight, and resting pulse rate will be given. A fitness profile will be plotted for each participant and opportunities for analysis will be made available. An exceptional film on the value of physical fitness will be shown with a question and answer period following.

A coed beginner physical fitness class starts the following Wednesday, March 29, meeting regularly at 6:30 - 7:30 a.m., 12:00-1:00 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Anyone wishing to enter the fitness class must complete a medical waiver and the submaximal stress test prior to participating in the class.

Call Tina (739-6951, ext. 226) at the YMCA to make your appointment for the testing. More information and registration forms are available at the Physical Education Office at the YMCA.

Sacred Heart Celtics



Pictured here are the Sacred Heart Celtics, 8-10 years old with Coach Jean Hebert. Front row from left to right: Jim Hansen, Tom Hamel, Bobby McNamee, Kevin Munley. Back row left to right Tim Hebert, Sean Foley, Rick Besette, Teddy Simpson. photo by Jack Devine

Sacred Heart AA 76's



Sacred Heart AA 76's pictured left to right, Front row, Ralph Larocca, Phil Collins, Gary Goulet, Mike DiLucco, Tom Finnie. Back row, Ed Finnie, Tom Chamberland, Ron Goulet [coach], Jeff Goulet, John Cappuccilli.

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

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The Anti-Hunter and Fishermen is using new techniques to reach their goals. We not only have them infiltrating the agencies in Massachusetts but they are making themselves felt on the National level.

They wrangled a new agency and attached themselves to the Department of the Interior and are funded by that department. This agency lacks legislative approval, doing what it pleases with your tax dollars and sporting interests. It not only makes its own rules, but it dictates its wishes to individual states. The name of the Agency! Endangered Species Scientific Authority. (ESSA) The chairman of this dictatorial authority is John Spinks Chief of Endangered Species, Office of Fish and Wildlife Service. He is assisted by Dr. Robert C. Williamson, representing, Dept. of Commerce, Dr. Joe Held, H.E.W. - William Stevers, National Science Foundation - Dr. David Challinor, Smithsonian Institution, and last but not unnoticed, "The Trappers

Friend" Lee M. Talbot, Council for Environmental Quality. Quite an impressive group of individuals formed together to lend their weight against hunting in the US.

Dr. Talbot, "Friend of Trappers", is against steel leghold traps on Public lands, the good doctor's wife is, or was, an active member of Defenders of Wildlife, a vocal group demanding that bobcats be put on the endangered list.

Two years ago the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service notified all appropriate state agencies that, for example: beaver, bobcat, lynx, and river otter were figured to be rare and endangered.

These states replied and requested that these animals be exempted. The valid requests were quickly and solidly rejected by the new federal establishment.

The ESSA hired Dr. William Y. Brown, for executive secretary. He was a consultant for the Fish and Wildlife Service and a past employee of Defenders of Wildlife.

The Endangered Species Act, a worldwide scheme, is a tool by which the "Protectionists" and anti-hunters are using to get at sportsmen in an underhanded manner. It has been hatched by armchair "experts" to close down trapping and hunting activities!

Decision-making by this group of bureaucrats as to which species is rare and endangered is reported not to be based on practical, professional research but rather on personal opinion without the support indepth studies by qualified experts having only factual evidence in mind.

You may obtain tickets for the Banquet by contacting Dr. Paul Query, Al Barnes and Bill Haver.

Dates to remember: March 22--Ham Raffle; April 1--Banquet; April 2--Annual Fishing Derby; April 11--

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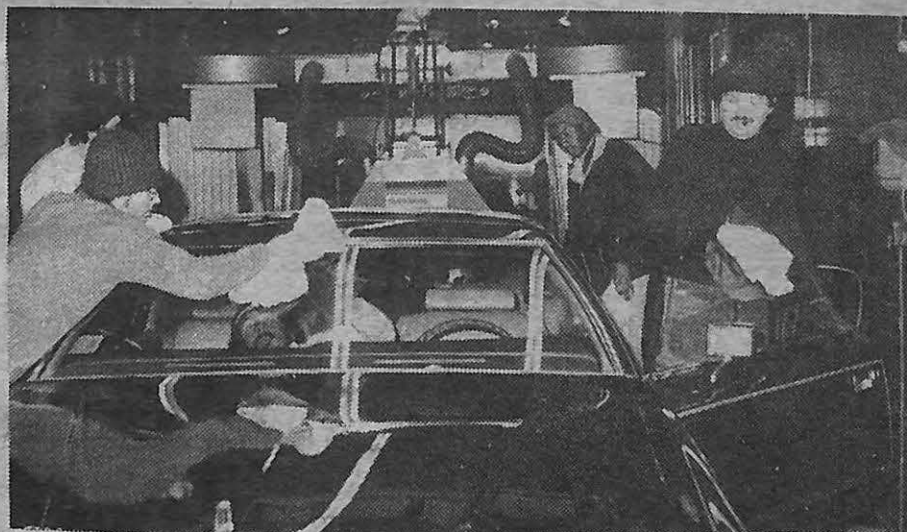
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
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The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Capital Budget as submitted to the Town Council dated March 3, 1978, from Peter Caputo, Town Manager.

The Capital Budget, as submitted, being too cumbersome for publication, will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Town Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts, between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The public hearing will be held in the auditorium of the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 5, 1978.

Edward A. Caba
Town & Council Clerk
for the Agawam Town Council

Legal Notice

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 1978

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by WILLIAM H. BENDER and DORIS D. BENDER to BEN-MORRIS CO., dated March 20, 1975, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4111, Page 312, of which the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction, on the premises known and numbered as 48 Clifton Drive, Agawam, Massachusetts, on Thursday, March 30, 1978, at 3 p.m., all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"the land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot #41 (forty-one) on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 40; Page 78, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHERLY by Clifton Drive, Eighty (80) feet; WESTERLY by Lot #42 (forty-two) on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet; NORTHERLY by Lot #44 (forty-four) on said plan, Eighty (80) feet; and EASTERLY by Lot #40 (forty) on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-five (125) feet. Being the same premises known as No. 48 Clifton Drive in said Agawam. Subject to easement rights granted to Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company under instrument dated August 12, 1952, recorded as aforesaid in Book 2191, Page 435. Subject to the rights of the Town of Agawam in said Clifton Drive under instrument dated March 29, 1954 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2306, Page 488. Being the same premises conveyed to Mortgagees by deed of Robert J. Nooney et ux dated October 15, 1970 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3541, Page 513. Subject to a mortgage to the Community Savings Bank dated October 15, 1970 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3541, Page 514."

Terms of Sale: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid in cash, certified check, or Cashier's check, by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, balance within ten (10) days after approval of the sale by the Massachusetts Land Court, AT THE OFFICES OF Wolfson, Moynihan, Dodson & Keenan, 390 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, Attorneys for the Mortgagee. Any other terms will be announced at the sale.

Dated this first day of March, 1978.

BEN-MORRIS CO., a Partnership under the Uniform Partnership Act
Present holder of said Mortgage
By: Ben Cohen, Partner

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Worcester, Massachusetts 01608
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Legal Notice

TOWN OF AGAWAM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sealed bids for Water Department Bonds, Tees, and Sleeves will be received until March 30, 1978 at 2:00 P.M. at the office of the Director of Public Works, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Mass. Specifications and bid form may be obtained at the office of the Director of Public Works. The Town Manager reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals if he deems it for the best interest of the Town of Agawam.

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Menu for week 3/20 - 3/24

Monday - Salisbury steak with gravy, shredded potatoes, beet salad, cheese cake.
Tuesday - Baked ham, sauerkraut, sweet potatoes, applesauce.
Wednesday - Sweet Italian sausages, Spanish rice, peas, lemon cobbler.
Thursday - Chicken croquettes, mashed potatoes, cabbage, jello.
Friday - Clam chowder, rolls with cheese, Bavarian cream.

If you would like to get identification cards for reduced bus fare, you can get them free of charge at the Springfield Golden Agers, Civic Center on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9-12, on Fridays from 1-4. This card comes in mighty handy for identification when you want to cash checks and don't have a driver's license.

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Horse Clinic

Saturday morning, March 25, 9 a.m., there will be a Horse Clinic. It will be held at Brown's Farm, 466 North-west Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. Included will be shots, blood tests and worming. Sponsored by the Agawam 4-H Equestrians. Milky and Davis will be the Veterinarians. For more information call 786-5033.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



EDITOR'S NOTE: Janet Cook, President of the Agawam Garden Club and Horticulturist has written articles on gardening for various publications and also lectures on the subject. An avid backyard gardener herself, Janet works at Cascio's Nursery. Each week in her column, Janet will offer helpful, timely advice on a wide range of topics from outdoor gardening to indoor plant care. Any questions or comments to Janet may be addressed to her in care of this newspaper.

the time of year has come when we begin to dream about spring flower bulbs, maple trees leafing out, gardens full of flowers or fresh, fat vegetables and full, green or flowering houseplants. We can't wait for the white(?) to melt into green. To help make the wait easier, start a vegetable or flower garden indoors. Sow the seeds you choose about 6-8 weeks before you plan to put the plants into the garden. Some plants can go into the ground as early as the ground can be worked. These are called 'cool weather' plants. Onions and lettuce are examples.

These also can be seeded directly into the soil outside. When you sow these seeds indoors, use a seed-starter type soil like 'Jiffy Mix' or 'Metro Mix'. These are obtainable at any garden center for this purpose. Containers like egg cartons and milk jugs, cut down, are good for the window sill, which is where you should keep your future garden to keep it warm. The seeds need a certain amount of warmth and moisture to germinate. Keep the containers covered with plastic to help retain the moisture. When the seeds are up, remove the plastic, but keep them on the window sill, as the new seedlings need all the light from the sun they can get. Keep the growing medium moist, but not drenched. Misting the seedlings will water them without flooding.

Tomatoes, peppers, melons, beans and cucumbers are examples of what are called 'warm weather crops'. This means they should not be planted into cool or cold soil. The soil temperature should be about 65 or 70 degrees. This usually does not occur until late May or even early June. Putting these and other 'warm crops' into cool soil will stunt or slow their growth, reducing the size and quality of the harvest.

When you are sowing your vegetable seeds, also sow some marigolds and the herb basil. These, planted between your tomato plants, will be your silent partner in the garden. The marigolds will help repel the white fly on the tomato plants and also will pretty up your garden. The basil will help repel the tomato worm in the garden and can add flavor to your tomato dishes when you cook up your harvest. Also, sow some peppermint plant seeds. Put the plants into your rose garden or any flower garden, as they help repel aphids. The fresh leaves can also add a flavorful touch to a cool summer drink.

To spruce up your house plants now, look to trans-

School Lunch Menus

Menus for the week of March 20 - 24:

Mon., March 20 - Cream of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered diced carrots, chilled mixed fruit cup, in syrup, milk.
Tues., March 21 - Sliced turkey sandwich in roll, mayonnaise, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich for seconds, sweet potato cake with vanilla icing, milk.
Wed., March 22 - Baked hamburger & macaroni with cheese and tomato sauce, creamy cabbage and carrot salad, buttered Italian bread, peach crisp, milk.
Thurs., March 23 - Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered kernel corn, whole wheat bread and butter, school baked cookies, milk.
Fri., March 24 - No School Good Friday

Menu for the week of March 27-31

Mon., Mar. 27 - potted beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, white bread and butter, chilled pears in syrup, milk.
Tues., March 28 - hamburger on roll, steamed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, sliced cheese, mustard, ketchup, relish, fruited jello with whipped topping, milk.
Wed., Mar. 29 - Orange juice, pizza with cheese and tomato sauce topping, tossed garden salad with shredded carrots and French dressing, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, chocolate pudding with whip topping, milk.
Thurs., Mar. 30 - white meat turkey with gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, garnish. Rye bread and butter, orange blossom cake with butter icing, milk.
Fri., Mar. 31 - Filet of haddock sandwich, oven French fried potatoes, buttered niblet corn, ice cream sandwich, milk, tartar sauce or ketchup.

planting the ones that are in need. If you pot size is adequate for the plant, top-dressing is an excellent stimulant for the new roots that are growing now. Scrape out the top half inch of soil and discard. Replace with fresh soil and water lightly. This is almost like a transplanting to the plant. Remember to fertilize your house plants on a regular basis. They can't go out for dinner. They must depend on you to feed them. One or two mild or diluted feedings a month are better than a full strength feeding only once a month.

NEXT WEEK: buying starter plants for your vegetable garden, companion planting for vegetables, more about tomatoes, tips on growing onions and carrots, pruning houseplants and much more!! Keep Smiling, JMC

Agawam Golden Agers

On Monday, March 12, the HiLighters Square. Dance Club, Bob Turnbull, caller, entertained at the meeting of the Agawam Golden Age Club at Meadowbrook Manor. Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Seats are still available for the April trip to New York City to see the Rocketts at Radio City Music Hall. Anyone interested should contact Emeline Comeau at 786-1264.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Pioneer Valley transit Authority will hold a public hearing in the Agawam Town Hall, 2nd Floor Hearing Room, Tuesday, April 4, 1978 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc. request to operate service over Meadow Street and Editha Street as a part of its regular service between Springfield, Agawam, and Bradley Field.

Trade Fair Held

by Steve berard

The annual Junior Achievement Trade Fair for Western Massachusetts was held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Springfield Civic Center. Many activities took place during the three day fair such as a Gong Show, Fashion Show, and a Pancake Breakfast. Although the sales of the Trade Fair were not outstanding, the achievers wish to thank the people who came over and

supported this fine organization. Now that the fair is over, the companies will begin their liquidation period which will end during the last part of April. The last event in the Junior Achievement calendar will be the Futures Unlimited Banquet which will be held at the Chez Joseph in mid May where awards will be given to the best officers of the year and company of the year.

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